GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:36
ANSWERED ON:20.10.2008
DISBURSMENT OF PENSION UNDER EPFPS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of pension being paid to the retired employees under the Employees Provident Fund Pension Scheme (EPFPS) is the same since its inception;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enhance the pension amount of the said pensioners to make it commensurate with the high cost of living at present; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 36 FOR 20.10.2008 BY S/SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA AND PANNIAN RAVINDRAN REGARDING "DISBURSEMENT OF PENSION UNDER EPFPS"

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. However, in respect of pensions vested from 15.11.1996 onwards, reliefs have been granted in addition to pension as per details given below:-

(i) 1st Relief @ 4% w.e.f. 15.11.1996 to the pensioners as on 15.11.1996 (i.e. 17.5% as on date).

(ii) 2nd Relief @ 5.5% w.e.f. 01.04.1998 to the pensioners as on 31.03.1998 (i.e. 13.5% as on date).

(iii) 3rd Relief @ 4% w.e.f. 01.04.1999 to the pensioners as on 31.03.1999 (i.e. 8% as on date).

(iv) 4th Relief @ 4% w.e.f. 01.04.2000 to the pensioners as on 31.03.2000 (i.e. 4% as on date).

The Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 is a defined contribution and benefit scheme. Additional relief can be granted when the Pension Fund has any distributable surplus. At present, there is no such surplus and therefore, no additional relief can be granted.